

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TRYING TO PREVENT RAILROAD STRIKE

[Republican A. P. Leased Wire]

WASHINGTON, August 3.—While the strike vote of 400,000 railroad employees was being counted in New York every agency of the federal government affected by the situation was preparing today to do all possible to avert a final break between the railroads and the workmen.

William L. Chambers, commissioner of the board of mediation and conciliation, was in communication with President Wilson during the day, though board officials pointed out that nothing of a formal character could be done until the railroad managers and representatives of employees resumed negotiations next week.

The chamber of commerce of the United States which yesterday appealed to President Wilson for federal intervention to prevent a strike, is urging action. The chamber is considering the calling of a conference of representatives of commercial organizations to impress on congress the necessity of taking some immediate step.

The president late today designated G. W. W. Hanger, assistant commissioner of the board of mediation and conciliation, as a member of the board. The law stipulates that there shall be members, but Judge Martin A. Knapp, chairman, and Wm. L. Chambers, have served alone because an official of the department of labor, designated as the third member when the

board was formed, was not qualified for the place.

Administration officials said everything possible would be done to avert a strike. If all other steps fail, it is probable President Wilson will make a personal appeal to the railroad managers and the employees urging them to effect a settlement in the interest of the public. The question may be discussed at tomorrow's cabinet meeting. President Wilson asked Commissioner Chambers to come to the White House tonight and talk over prospects for a settlement of the differences between the railroads and their employees but because the commissioner had another engagement the conference was postponed until tomorrow. It is understood they will go over the whole situation carefully then.

For Settlement Board
CHICAGO, Aug. 3.—A national commission among all railroad employees, not comprised in the four brotherhoods who are voting on a strike, was started today to obtain legislation by congress to empower somebody to settle all disputes as to wages between railroads and employees, whether organized or unorganized.

R. T. Frazier of Nashville, Tenn., chairman of a committee of railroad employees of the four brotherhoods, said tonight that such legislation had been signed by a majority of men employed on some southern railroads.

SAYS CASEMENT PUNISHED FOR HIS TREACHERY

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Roman Catholic church and received his first and only communion at 1 o'clock this morning when he assisted at mass in his cell. One of his attendants said that his overpowering love for God and Ireland was most striking. The last words of the condemned man were "I die for my country."

The only editorial reference in the newspapers, is in the Daily News, which says:

"The hanging gives the disaffected section of Ireland another martyr, embitters feeling throughout the island, alienates a large and important body of American opinion and enables Germany to play off the death of Casement against the death of Fratt."

Practically to the very hour of Roger Casement's execution, strenuous efforts were made by his friends and sympathizers in the United States and Ireland, and even in England, to secure a reprieve.

Petitions for mercy poured in upon the British government and efforts were made to obtain action by President Wilson. The only action taken in Washington was the passage of a resolution by the senate, asking the president to use his good offices with the British authorities to obtain clemency for Irish political offenders in general.

FARRAR TO QUASH MANY STRIKE CASES

[Republican A. P. Leased Wire]

DENVER, Colo., Aug. 3.—Fred Farrar, attorney general, tonight announced that tomorrow he would file notice of intention not to prosecute 43 out of 50 cases in Las Animas county, growing out of strike disorders.

Announcement with respect to the disposition of cases in Jackson county, where 37 cases remain undetermined, is expected soon.

Among the cases which will not be dismissed, it is said, are three charging murder against John R. Lawson, board member of the United Mine Workers of America. Under another indictment Lawson was convicted of first degree murder and sentenced to life imprisonment.

eney for Irish political offenders in general.

The hopes of the condemned man's friends were extinguished when Lord Robert Cecil, minister of war and trade, announced yesterday that the British government was determined not to grant a reprieve.

DIVIDENDS LOW DURING YEAR 1915

[Republican A. P. Leased Wire]

CHICAGO, Aug. 3.—Dividends were declared on a smaller percentage of railway stock in 1915 than during any year since 1904 and the average rate of dividend was the lowest since 1903, says the Railway Age Gazette today in analyzing the statistics of the interstate commerce commission for the fiscal year ending June 13, 1916.

Dividends were declared on 46.45 per cent of the outstanding railway stocks and the average rate of dividend 1911 on 6.54 per cent of all the stocks which was the highest percentage of stock on which dividend was declared during the last eleven years.

"While many persons are talking about the remarkable large current earnings of the railways," the summary continues, "these statistics disclose the extent to which the railway business was depressed before the pronounced earnings began."

THOUGH SUBSEA CRAFT GONE IS BEING SOUGHT

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Norfolk with instructions to pick up a tow for Baltimore if one could be secured within a day or two. If no tow is available, the tug he said, will go back to Baltimore anyhow.

In response to a question regarding the prospects of the Bremen, sister ship to the Deutschland, arriving in American waters, Captain Hinch said:

"You can depend upon it that if the Bremen was coming in the near future, I would not be returning to Baltimore, neither would the Timmins."

He declined to say when the Bremen was expected.

NOT OPPOSED TO SALE

[Republican A. P. Leased Wire]

COPENHAGEN, (via London) Aug. 3.—It is learned from a most reliable source that the conservative party, which rejected the proposal of the sale of the Danish West Indies in 1902, is not opposed to their sale now. It is also known that those who took a great interest in the islands, and spent large sums of money in improving conditions and especially at St. Thomas, will make no objections to their passing to the United States.

SHIPPING MANY SUPPLIES

[Republican A. P. Leased Wire]

NEW YORK, Aug. 3.—The American Red Cross announced tonight that during July it shipped 1,275 cases of hospital supplies, weighing 65,000 pounds to European countries, the largest consignments went to France, with Italy, Russia and Serbia following in the order named.

DAVIS CHOSEN HEAD KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS

PORTLAND, Ore., Aug. 3.—Charles S. Davis of Denver, who was elected today supreme vice chancellor of the Knights of Pythias by the supreme lodge meeting here in its twenty-ninth biennial convention, received 81 votes, 24 more votes than was polled by William Ladew of New York, his closest contestant for the honor. John J. Brown of vice chancellor was elected supreme chancellor without contest, it being the custom of the supreme lodge to elevate the vice chancellor.

WATCHING ALL JERSEY TRAINS FOR EXPLOSIVES

[Republican A. P. Leased Wire]

JERSEY CITY, N. J., Aug. 3.—City authorities tonight sent 100 policemen to inspect all trains entering Jersey City for munitions and explosives because of the refusal of one railroad to stop shipments through the city in accordance with a resolution adopted by the city commissioners.

The Lehigh Valley, Pennsylvania, Erie and Delaware, Lackawanna and Western railroads agreed not to ship explosives to Jersey City. The Central railroad of New Jersey, however, served notice that it would hold the city liable for all damages and losses due to the enforcement of the order.

Makes Favorable Report

WASHINGTON, Aug. 3.—Frank McManamy, who investigated for the interstate commerce commission the explosion at New York last Sunday, reported that the fire was burning on Black Tom island at least two hours before the blast occurred, but that he found no evidence that munitions were stored on the island more than 48 hours, the maximum time allowed for transshipment at any point. Details of the report were not made public.

REPORT TO REFEREE

[Republican A. P. Leased Wire]

BALTIMORE, Aug. 3.—Another step toward the proposed featherweight championship bout between world's champion Johnny Kilbane of Cleveland and George "Honey" of Baltimore was taken today when "Honey" agreed to Matt Hinkel of Kilbane's home city as referee. Kinkel, who also is Kilbane's choice, is the promoter of the match which he intends starting on Labor day at Cedar Point, a Lake Erie resort near Sandusky.

POLICE HAVE A BUSY TWO HOURS

With two arrests for fighting and about one dozen men and women inmates of alleged disorderly houses, the police had a busy time between midnight and two o'clock this morning. Bails amounting to nearly \$100 were deposited for the appearance of some of those taken in the general clean-up while others elected to remain in the city jail and face the city magistrate this afternoon.

The first arrest came shortly after 12 o'clock when the police were called to Eddie Doyle's pool hall. J. H. Eastwood and Joseph Connors were found engaged in a really interesting bout, starting as Connors stated, over a friendly game of cards. Both seemed to have been drinking and were taken to the police station and booked for appearance this afternoon.

From South Second street and China alley a rich harvest was secured when Night Captain Carr and Policemen Clup and Strath went "along the line." Several were "walked" to the police station, while the patrol wagon fairly groaned under its load. If all those arrested put in an appearance in police court this afternoon there will be a busy session for Judge Thomas.

KING SENDS CONDOLENCES

[Republican A. P. Leased Wire]

LONDON, Aug. 3.—King George has sent a letter of sympathy to the widow of Captain Charles Fryatt, master of the British steamer Wrexham, who was executed recently by the Germans on a charge that he tried to ram a German submarine when he was master of the steamer Wrexham.

In his letter King George says: "The action of Captain Fryatt in defending his ship (the Wrexham) was a noble instance of the resource and self-sacrifice characteristic of his profession." The letter adds that the king has learned with the deepest indignation of Captain Fryatt's fate and that the king "regards the outrage with abhorrence."

GARMENT STRIKE ENDS

[Republican A. P. Leased Wire]

NEW YORK, Aug. 3.—The garment strike which virtually has paralyzed the women's suit and cloak industry in this city for nearly four months, was declared settled tonight at a general meeting of the strike committee. The announcement was made after the result of balloting at 29 halls at which strikers were assembled had been determined. The vote was taken on the question of ratifying the amendment agreement drawn up two weeks ago between representatives of the strikers and the manufacturers.

ANOTHER BLACKLIST

[Republican A. P. Leased Wire]

MELBOURNE, Australia (via London, Aug. 4).—The commonwealth has issued a blacklist of American firms. Trading with these firms is prohibited.

FLOODS TAKE HEAVY TOLLS

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MIDDLESBORO, Ky., Aug. 3.—The death list due to the flood on Blair's creek, Claiborne county, Tenn., was increased to 36 late tonight when fuller reports from the flooded district were received here.

The water was reported to be every inch in subsiding and to that reason the creek had not been followed the entire distance ten miles, to its mouth. Unless this is done it will be impossible to know how many persons may have been drowned. So far only four bodies have been found. Everything along Blair's creek has been washed away. In some places the water had run up on the mountain side 30 feet.

Also in Tennessee

KNOXVILLE, Aug. 3.—Fully sixty lives were lost today in a flood that swept down the narrow valley through which flows Big Harlan creek, in Claiborne county, Tenn.

The waters overwhelmed the basin when a 35-foot dam gave way after the heaviest rain ever known in the region. Weather bureau officials said 10 inches of water fell in that part of the state.

The flood washed the valley, which is a quarter to a half mile wide, and poured into Clinch river. Houses floated down the crest of the waters and crops were destroyed from one end of the valley to the other.

PRaises President Wilson

NEW ORLEANS, Aug. 3.—Miss Kate Gordon, president of the Southern Federation for woman suffrage, issued a statement today praising President Wilson for his stand for state action of suffrage and declaring democratic women voters would not be deceived by Mr. Hughes' "bait of a federal amendment as a short cut to woman suffrage."

FORESEES "WOMAN TRAMP"

[Republican A. P. Leased Wire]

KANSAS CITY, Aug. 3.—The advent of the woman "tramp" as a result of one-sided and unorganized economic conditions was forecast by Mrs. Kate Waller Barrett, sociologist and representative of the federal department of labor, at a meeting here today.

SUBMARINE SINKS MAIL BOAT AND MANY MAY BE LOST

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during Emperor William's visit to that theater.

Subjects of Neutral States

LONDON, Aug. 3.—According to a Berlin official telegram received in Amsterdam, says a dispatch from Reuter's correspondent there, the German food regulation board has abolished the prohibition of the use of potatoes as fodder.

The Frankfurter Zeitung, says a dispatch from the Reuter correspondent at Amsterdam, reproduces from the Rheinisch-Westfälische Zeitung of Essen a remarkable letter arguing that Germany has the right to treat as common murderers any subjects of neutral states caught fighting on the side of Germany's enemies. The letter in part says:

"We are waging no war with the United States, but North Americans whom we encounter with arms in their hands ought to be treated as French-Treasure and shot."

The Frankfurter Zeitung asks if the Rheinisch journal would consider it legal for England to have shot Germans who fought against the British in the Transvaal.

An attempt by Bulgarian soldiers to seize an island in the Rumanian waters of the Danube river close to the town of Giurgevo has caused a sensation there, according to reports received by Bucharest newspapers. Rumanian frontier guards discovered the Bulgarians and raised an alarm. After a lively exchange of fire, the Bulgarians fled.

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